

UNITED STATES SENATOR JACK REED

Academy Nomination Information Packet

**** Please review carefully before completing and submitting application ****

**** Retain for future reference ****

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact my office at (401) 943-3100.

OPENING A FILE IN MY OFFICE

It is important to note that all required documentation submitted is maintained in my office and will not be forwarded to the Academy. You must submit to the Academies directly the documentation which they require, and you must contact the Academy to request the opening of a candidate file.

YOU WILL NOT BE SCHEDULED FOR AN INTERVIEW UNLESS YOU HAVE AN OPEN FILE WITH THE ACADEMY FOR WHICH YOU ARE REQUESTING MY NOMINATION.

In addition to the application form, I require the following items to complete your application for consideration as a nominee to one of the United States Service Academies:

1. **OFFICIAL SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT OF GRADES** (inclusive of junior year and most current class rank);
2. **SAT or ACT scores** (original reports or photocopy):

SAT CODE: #3688 ACT CODE : #7178

3. Recommendations (two written references from people who know you well, and can comment on your character, scholastic ability, etc. These can be from educators, clergy, employers, etc.);
4. Photograph (a recent, clear picture of yourself that will not be returned to you);
5. A 300 word essay describing why you wish to attend the Academy of your choice.

Once again, it is crucial that you submit all required material listed above as well as the completed application form **no later than October 31st** and open a file with the Academy. The sooner you complete your file, the more time we will have to evaluate it. If you do not comply with this requirement, your file will be closed as "INCOMPLETE" and you will not be considered for a nomination.

MY SELECTION PROCESS

You are required to complete a Pre-Candidate Questionnaire (PCQ) with the Academies you designate as your first and second choices. If you have not already initiated a PCQ, please call my office and my staff will gladly request one directly from the Academy for you.

A civilian panel of Rhode Island residents assists me with my selection of nominees. After the expiration of the application deadline (**October 31st**), my U.S. Service Academy Selection Committee convenes to screen the applications.

If your file is found to be competitive with the other candidates applying to my office, you will be invited to my office for an interview with members of my committee.

I conclude the nominating process in December. Generally, all applicants are notified of their standing no later than December 31st.

My criteria for selecting nominees is based upon the standards and goals of the respective Academies. Overall, I look for:

High academic performance
Demonstrated athletic ability
Leadership potential
Motivation

Performance on the college boards (scores should be in keeping with the Academies established minimums)

It is an extremely complicated and arduous task to select young men and women with the qualities necessary to lead our Armed Forces. Keeping in mind that our U.S. Service Academies are the training ground for this great nation's military leadership, we look for well-rounded individuals and consider the applicant entirely, rather than focusing on one of the above aspects in particular.

Remember to: COMPLETE YOUR FILE WITH MY OFFICE NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 31st TO ENSURE CONSIDERATION.

OPEN A FILE WITH THE SERVICE ACADEMY.

Please do not hesitate to call my Academy Coordinator if you have any questions, or require assistance. **Send all application materials to: The Honorable Jack Reed**

201 Hillside Road-Suite 200

Cranston, RI 02920

Telephone in local area: (401) 943-3100

Toll Free in the RI area: 1-800-284-4200

ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRANCE TO A U.S. SERVICE ACADEMY

The law pertaining to Congressional appointments for each of the U.S. Service Academies stipulates that a Member of Congress is allowed a maximum of five persons at each Academy in any given year (except Merchants Marine, as will be explained). This quota, therefore, determines the number of vacancies for each entering class.

Regulations of the Academies require nominees to be permanent residents of the State of the nominating Representative and domiciled in the Congressional District of the nominating U.S. Representative.

Basic eligibility for entry to a service academy is determined by meeting the following requirements: you must be at least 17 years old and not past your 22nd birthday on July 1st of the year of admittance; be a U.S. citizen; not be married (the marriage and age requirements vary for the U.S. Merchants Marine Academy). **YOU SHOULD BE AT LEAST A JUNIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL IF YOU ARE SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION TO MY OFFICE.**

METHODS OF APPOINTMENT

Merchant Marine Academy:

Candidates are appointed to the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York on a state-wide basis. Each year Rhode Island has 2 vacancies for the Academy, and I am entitled to submit the names of 10 prospective candidates. My nominees then compete with the nominees of the rest of the Rhode Island delegation for admittance.

U.S. Coast Guard Academy:

Admission to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy is no longer by application to a Congressman or Senator. You must make direct application to the Academy. You may write to:

Director of Admissions
U.S. Coast Guard Academy
New London, CT 06320.

Military at West Point, U.S. Air Force and Naval at Annapolis Academies:

I use a “*PRINCIPAL WITH COMPETING ALTERNATES*” form of nomination to the Military (West Point), Air Force and Naval (Annapolis) Academies. This means that, out of all applications I receive, one will be designated as the principal nominee; the other unranked nominees are submitted to the academy for evaluation and compete as alternates. If for some reason the principal does not qualify, the alternates then compete for the vacancy.

If one of your parents is an active duty or retired military person, you may also be eligible for a Presidential Nomination. If you are the son or daughter of a deceased or disabled veteran, of a Medal of Honor winner, you may also apply directly to the Superintendent of the Academy for a nomination. In addition, the Vice President has the same nominating authority as a Member of Congress, but can nominate from the United States at large (application can be made directly to him).

PHYSICAL/MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

Each candidate is required to take the Physical Aptitude Examination (PAE) or in the case of the Air Force, a Candidate Fitness Test (CFT) to determine his/her readiness to undertake the rigorous sports and physical education programs at the Academics. Although each Academy has its own test requirements, all are designed to measure such qualities as strength, endurance, agility, and coordination. Achievements on this test are evaluated and included in the Military and Air Force Academies overall scoring of the candidate. You will receive notification of the date, time and location of the test from the Academy.

In addition, all potentially qualified candidates are required to take a service academy qualifying medical examination. All candidates take the same examination no matter which service's medical facility conducts the test. Scheduling and evaluation of the medical examination are accomplished by the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DODMERB), located in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Nominees not found to be scholastically qualified will not be scheduled for medical examinations. However, an applicant's medical status is often not evaluated until after the nomination process is complete. The sooner you provide the Academy with the information they require, the sooner you are likely to be scheduled for a medical examination, if you qualify scholastically.

**U.S. SENATE APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION
TO THE UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMIES
U. S. SENATOR JACK REED**

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION PACKAGE: OCTOBER 31st.

Indicate your Academy Preference: Write 1st, 2nd, or only choice

WEST POINT _____ **AIR FORCE** _____

NAVY _____ **MERCHANT MARINE** _____

Please Type or Print Legibly:

Name: _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security No: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone (including area code): _____

Temporary or Other Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Name of High School: _____

College/University (if applicable): _____

Grade Point Average: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

Class Rank of _____ in a class of approximately _____

SAT/ACT Scores: M _____ V _____ Date Taken _____

Will you be retaking the SAT in November?

Senator Reed's SAT CODE NUMBER 3688 --ACT CODE NUMBER 7178

Are you a U.S. Citizen: (Yes) ☐ (No) ☐

Place of Birth: _____

Have you opened a pre-candidate file with the academies you wish to be considered for?

Yes ☐ No ☐

*****IF YOU HAVE NOT OPENED A FILE WITH THE ACADEMIES, IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT YOU MAIL YOUR CANDIDATE CARD TO THE APPROPRIATE ACADEMIES SO THAT A FILE MAY BE OPENED IN YOUR NAME. WE WILL BE UNABLE TO CONSIDER YOUR REQUEST FOR NOMINATION IF YOU FAIL TO OPEN A FILE WITH THE APPROPRIATE ACADEMIES. *****

Are you seeking a nomination from another source? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, would you please provide the name of the person you are seeking nomination from?

Name of Parents:

FATHER _____

MOTHER _____

What sports have you participated in, (if in high school indicate varsity or junior varsity):

Please list your extracurricular activities, including offices held, if any:

Please list any awards, honors, or special activities:

In a brief essay (300 words or less), describe why you wish to attend the Academy of your first choice: (Please attach a separate sheet)

I certify that I am a legal resident of the State of Rhode Island

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE_____

Date_____

RETURN APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO:

The Honorable US Senator Jack Reed

201 Hillside Road ,Suite 200

Cranston, RI 02920

REMINDER

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YOU HAVE AN OPEN FILE WITH THE ACADEMIES.***